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Re Application of:
CAMPBELL ET AL.

) Group Art Unit: 3308
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Serial No. 08/499,423

) Examiner: Milano, M.
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Filed: July 7, 1995

For: INTERIOR LINER FOR TUBES, PIPES)
AND BLOOD CONDUITS)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC § 121

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the communication from the Examiner dated September 30, 1996.

The Examiner divided the case into four groups as follows:

- > Group I (claims 1-97) drawn to an article comprising a tube
- Group II (claims 98-104) drawn to a method of making a tube
- Group III (claims 105-116) drawn to a surgical method for repairing a vascular graft
- Group IV (claim 117) drawn to a surgical method of lining a blood conduit

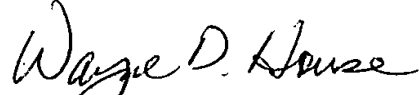
Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-97) without traverse and anticipate filing additional patent applications at a later time to prosecute non-elected claims.

The Examiner stated additionally that the claims of Group I also contain two patentably distinct species as follow:

- Species I: the tubular article of claims 1-35 and 42-97
- Species II: the tubular article of helically wound tape (claims 36-41)

The Applicants elect the claims of Species I for prosecution at this time; however, the election is made with traverse in that the Applicants would respectfully point out that claim 1 appears to be generic to claims 36-41 and that consequently it would be appropriate to leave these claims in the application until the patentability of claim 1 is resolved.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 30, 1996, we enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages)

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